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President's Message by Dave Bailey

I have been looking forward to writing this message for a long time. This year of 2011 will be an exciting year of innovation and changes for the G.S.N.A. The emphasis this year will be on education and support for its member clubs.

Education on a club level is typically provided by speakers, recruited both from within the members of the club or from the G.S.N.A.'s Speaker Bureau, and by "show and tells".

In order to meet our educational mission, the G.S.N.A. is making a special offer to member clubs. In 2011, for clubs that have been members for the past two years, we are willing to provide matching funds, up to $400.00 to cover the half of the cost of electronic audio, visual and computer equipment, such as laptops, projectors, video cameras and tripods.

For example, if a club wishes to participate and spends $250.00 for a video camera, $500.00 for a projector, and $50.00 for a tripod, at a total cost of $800.00, the G.S.N.A. will reimburse the club $400.00. If a club only wishes to spend $200.00 for a video camera, they will be reimbursed $100.00.

As our member clubs obtain and use electronic equipment, show and tells can become more exciting. A video camera can zoom into a coin with tremendous detail, enabling all members to really see the coin at the same time. It also provides greater security, since everyone can participate without passing coins around the room. Individual club members can give an impromptu talk by just bringing in a coin or coins and making a few notes. No extensive preparation needed. Also, a club can easily provide a stage for a guest speaker. If you meet a collector of Civil War Tokens, for example, it is easy to offer him or her a chance to share their knowledge with your club without any extra preparation on the collector's part.

Needless to say, I am excited about this offer. I encourage club to take advantage of this opportunity. If any club executives need advice on what equipment they need, feel free to contact me, and I will ensure that you receive assistance. Of course, proof of purchase is required, and a reimbursement request form is enclosed in this newsletter.

Speaking about the newsletter – you will notice that this is dramatically different from our usual G.S.N.A. journal. Fran will discuss the new format in her message, but I think that it is a good change, and welcome your feedback.

One more word about guest speakers – I would like to remind member clubs of the G.S.N.A.'s offer to provide a $25.00 travel stipend for any guest speaker. The only condition is that the speaker must be a member of the G.S.N.A. and not a member of the host club. In addition, may I ask for each and every one of you to consider sharing your numismatic knowledge with both your own club as well as our other member clubs? You might find it very rewarding.

Numismatically, this year should also be exciting as we watch gold and silver jump to new heights. With silver at over $30.00 and climbing, you might "find" some extra money in your safety deposit boxes that you can spend at our annual convention May 12-14th.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you at the show, as well as at your local club meetings.

President Dave presenting a check to the Watchung Hills Coin Club

Letter from the Editor

Fran Cackowski

Hi Everyone. I guess that you wondered what happened to your journal. As you know, last year I stepped down as your editor due to other commitments. Unfortunately, no one has stepped forward to assume the responsibility, so I am back. (I have to admit that there was some "marital" persuading behind the scenes.)

My hiatus triggered a closer look at the journal, not only the work involved in producing the document, but the costs in both printing and mailing it to all members. I know that some of you receive it via email, but, for the most part, we use the USPS to deliver it – and costs are constantly going up.

We discovered that we can produce and mail a newsletter format for about one third the cost of the journal. In addition, the printing of the journal took our publisher at least two weeks to complete the task, but a newsletter can be out in less than a week. Therefore, I have redesigned the format, and welcome comments, criticism, etc. Since this is the first attempt with a new format, I expect it to evolve until we achieve a document that most of our members are happy with. Please be patient.

Utilizing this format, I hope to produce a cost-effective product three to four times a year, and on a published schedule.

On another note, wasn't this a horrible winter? Not only did the snow hamper our driving, but when you finally arrived at your destination, you then had to find a parking space around mountains of snow. Dave and I called the huge mounds of snow on our street the "Pillars of Hercules".

The good thing is that when a person has a hobby, they always have something to do. Dave spent long hours with his coins, his books, and his computer. I kept my sewing machine humming, and they days passed happily.

However, I am really, really looking forward to the warm weather and flowers that spring brings to us, as well as our annual convention in May. Bring your friends, and plan to attend multiple days. I hope to see all of you there, and let me know what you think of this format.

The GSNA Convention Needs Exhibitors!!!

Share your hobby with others and plan to exhibit at the convention in May! Part of the pleasure of assembling a collection is sharing it with your fellow numismatists. Have you ever gone to a show, and looked at the exhibits, all the while saying to yourself, "My collection is better than this one"?

Why not create your own exhibit? The G.S.N.A. convention is the perfect place to start. You might even win a prize!

The GSNA provides locked cases, so your treasures are secure, and it is the ultimate "Show and Tell".

Remember, nothing ventured, nothing gained.

GSNA Speakers Bureau

The GSNA Desperately Needs Speakers!!!

Do you have information to share with others in the manner of those like Steven Middleton and Dave Wilson? If so, please join our Speakers Bureau. You may have devoted many years in accumulating your knowledge, and it is important for the future of the hobby that this knowledge is shared. Sharing is how we all learn. Contact our Vice-President Ray Williams with the topics that you are willing to speak on well as your geographical traveling radius. (The GSNA will provide a $25.00 travel stipend for each presentation given by a member to a club in which he or she is not a member.)

Exhibitors Receiving Their Awards

GSNA Convention
May 12 - 14, 2011

Somerset, NJ 36th Show!

SHOW HOURS

Thur. 1 PM - 7 PM
Fri. 10 AM - 7 PM
Sat. 10 AM - 4 PM

DIRECTIONS

Route 287 to Exit 10
Take Route 527 North.
Turn left on Davidson Ave.
The Ukrainian Cultural Center
is at 135 Davidson Ave.

Free Admission For Members

Visit the GSNA web site,
www.GSNA.org,
for the latest convention
and club information.
We welcome new members
and volunteers at the show.

Auction Friday at 6 PM By New World Rarities

DEALER INFORMATION

Dealer set up 9 AM - 1 PM Thur. May 12
Early admission badge good
for all 3 days is **$25**.

Show Chairman:
Tom Hyland
Phone: 973-875-7926
Email: tash67@embarqmail.com

New Jersey Token & Medal Show

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Exhibits

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Buy, Sell, and Trade
Coins , Currency,
Tokens, & Medals

C4 and EAC Meetings Saturday At 1:00 PM

Young Numismatist Program
Saturday at 10 AM

The GSNA Awards Program

"The GSNA Awards program is soliciting nominations for GSNA Club of the Year, GSNA Numismatist of the Year, YN of the Year and the new 'Larry Gentile" award. We began our awards program in 1997 with Dave Wilson as the selectee for the Numismatist of the Year. The awards are a highlight of our club's membership meeting at the annual convention in May.

Previous individual winners have been Kari Brower (1998), Steve Middleton (1999), Arno Safran (2000), Frank Dolan (2001). Larry Gentile (2002), Bob Beels (2003), Ron Thompson (2004), Al Zaika (2005), Dave Bailey (2006), Chris Butchko (2007). Erik Knapp (2008), Pete Wacker (2010), and Dennis Berube (2009). Criteria is being a current member of the GSNA and recommended by the individual's club president with sufficient justification for the award. Only one nomination per club will be accepted and previous selectees are not eligible.

The Club nomination may be submitted by the club president with justification with the restriction that a club may not be selected twice in succession. The club that won in 2010 was Atlantic County, consequently, they are not eligible this coming year. The club must also be a GSNA Club member.

Nominations for the YN of the Year may be submitted by any GSNA member club or GSNA member aware of significant justification for the nomination of a YN. Previous YN winners have been Jay Feldman and Jenalyn Clegg (2003), Max Spiegel (2004), Jessica Knueppel (2005), Grant Mallalieu (2006), Brian Jen (2007), Zachary Beier (2008)< Simon Beier (2010) and Will Robins, Chris Donato and Mike Mastellone (2009). GSNA clubs may nominate only one YN and previous selectees are not eligible.

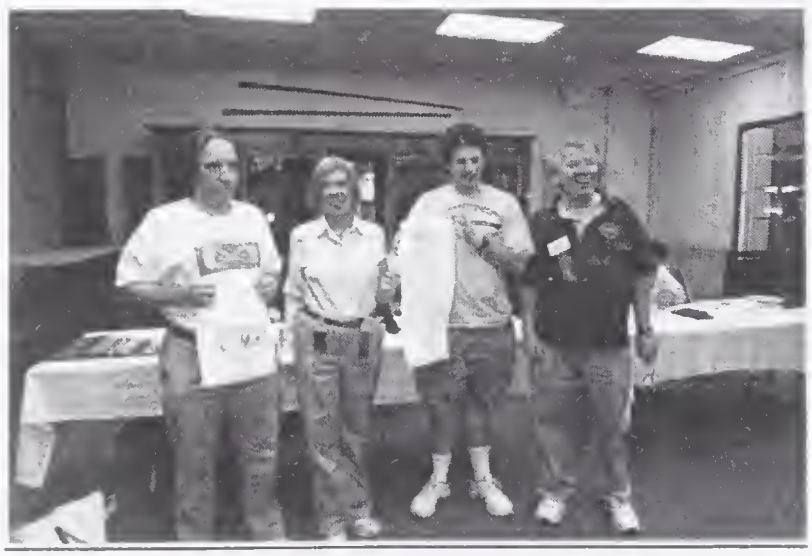
A newly created award, the "Larry Gentile Award" was approved last year by the GSNA Board. The initial selectees for this award were Will Robins and Chris Donato (2009). This award is for GSNA members who have excelled in working with youngsters thereby creating educational opportunities in numismatics for those under 18 years of age. GSNA clubs may nominate only one GSNA member for the award and previous selectees are not eligible. Note: This award is not presented every year. It is designed to be awarded only to exceptional individuals. (It was not awarded in 2010.)

Recommendations must include justification for the awards that encompass the period January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010. All recommendations are to be submitted no later than April 15, 2011 to Jim Majoros at 65-16th St, Toms River, NJ 08753 or e-mail at: major9@comcast.net"

Scenes From Past Conventions

Tim Grant from the US mint

The GSNA's mascot welcomes all collectors



Bob Graul and Zach Beier receiving Editor's awards

Clubs Around the State

MONDAY EVENING CLUBS

Forks of the Delaware Club
Meeting Time: First Monday of the month (except on holidays and Labor Day, then the second Monday of the month) at 7 PM
Meeting Location: Grace Lutheran Church on 300 Rosebury Street and Route 22 in Phillipsburg, NJ GSNA Club Representative: Craig Steible

Sussex County Coin Club
Meeting Time: Second Monday of the month (except August and December) at 7 PM
Meeting Location: Sussex County Library, Wantage Branch, 69 Route 639 Wantage, NJ 07461
GSNA Club Representative: Doug DelGurecio

New Jersey Numismatic Society
Meeting Time: Third Monday of the month (except August) at 7:30 PM
Meeting Location Helen Chase Rm. at the Madison Public Library
Madison, NJ GSNA Club Representative. Harry Garrison

Trenton Numismatic Club
Meeting Time: Fourth Monday of the month
Meeting Location: AAA Mid-Atlantic Building, 3 AAA Drive Exit 5B off I-195, Hamilton, NJ 08691
www.trentoncoinclub.org
GSNA Club Representative: Harry Garrison

TUESDAY EVENING CLUBS

Watchung Hills Coin Club
Meeting Time: First Tuesday of each month (except August) at7:30 PM
Meeting Location: Rolf's Restaurant, 65 Stirling Rd. Warren, NJ
www.watchunghillscoinclub.com
GSNA Club Representative: Tom Rothacker

Northern Valley Coin Club
Meeting Time: Fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM
Meeting Location: Demarest Methodist Church, 109 Hardenburgh Road, Demarest, NJ

WEDNESDAY EVENING CLUBS

Roxbury Coin Club
Meeting Time: First Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM
Meeting Location: Roxbury Township Library, 103 Main Street, Succasunna, NJ
Club Website: www.ledgewood.net/rcc

Westchester County Coin club
Meeting Time. Third Wednesday of each month at 8:00 PM
Meeting Location: Community Meeting Room of St. Pius X Ramsey Road in Scarsdale, NY

WEDNESDAY EVENING (continued)

Hackettstown Coin Club
Meeting Time: Fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM
Meeting Location Hackettstown Community Center on Route 46
Club Website: www.hackettstowncoinclub.org

Atlantic County Numismatic Society
Meeting Time: First Wednesday of the month at 7.00 PM
Meeting Location Linwood Public Library, 301 Davis Ave, Linwood, NJ (609) 926-7991
GSNA Club. Jason O'Grady accoins@gmail.com

THURSDAY EVENING CLUBS

Ocean County Coin Club
Meeting Time: 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month at 7:40 (Jrs at 6.50)
Meeting Location Ocean Fire House (Arnold Ave Pt Pleasant Beach)
GSNA Club Representative: Dennis Berube
Club Website: www.occoinclub.org

West Jersey Numismatic Society
Meeting Time: Third Thursday at 7:00 PM
Meeting Location. St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Collingswood, South Jersey
Corner of Park Blvd and Dill President. Fred R. Giebel
Contact: Dennis Helmer at D.P.HELMER@COMCAST.NET

Clifton Coin Club
Meeting Time: First Thursday of each month at 7:30 PM.
Meeting Location Clifton Recreation Department, 1232 Main Street, Clifton, NJ

The Currency Club of Chester County
Meeting Time: Third Thursday of each month at 7 PM
Meeting Location Borough Hall, corner of Adams and Gay Streets, West Chester, PA

FRIDAY EVENING CLUBS

Summit/Chatham Coin Club
Meeting Time: Second Friday of each month
Meeting Location Chatham Borough Fire House, 54 Fairmont Ave, Chatham Borough
President Chris Butchko

ANNUAL MEETING ONLY

New Jersey Exonumia Society
Meets annually at the GSNA convention in May
GSNA Club Representative: Gary Patterson

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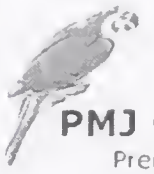

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